

# Moonwalk Sonic deprecation

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Working off the idea that Shadows Normal and Shadows Reverse can both go up and down the hand, the [Naming Committee](#) has decided to officially deprecate the use of the name "Moonwalk Sonic" as a separate trick from [Sonic](#).

## Examples

- Moonwalk Sonic Normal 12-23 = Sonic Normal 12-23
- Moonwalk Sonic Reverse 23-12 = Sonic Reverse 23-12

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### Research Department Feedback / Moonwalk Sonic deprecation article released

<https://upsb-v3.spin-archive.org/topic/7942>

1. [sketching](#)

Date: Fri, Jun 27 2008 04:37:37

The Research Department has just released a small article on the wiki. You can view the article here: [Moonwalk Sonic deprecation](#). The article suggests pen spinners no longer use the term "Moonwalk Sonic".

Please give any comments/questions on the article in this thread.

2. [-JC-](#)

Date: Fri, Jun 27 2008 04:49:28

with that concept in mind, would a pseudo sonic now be called a sonic still...? like a shadow still?

or just sonic 23-23 as well...?

or are you just gonna keep the name pseudo sonic =\

3. [sketching](#)

Date: Fri, Jun 27 2008 05:08:47

If anything, it would be Sonic 0.5 23-12 ~ Sonic 0.5 12-23.

4. Rarka

Date: Fri, Jun 27 2008 10:54:22

So do we have to use Sonic Normal Rise instead of Sonic Rise?

edit: Thanks Mats, I understand.

5. Mats

Date: Fri, Jun 27 2008 11:17:12

QUOTE (Rarka @ Jun 27 2008, 11:54 AM)

So do we have to use Sonic Normal Rise instead of Sonic Rise?

... Not if you don't want to:

Sonic Rise = Sonic Normal 34-23 > Sonic Normal 23-12

Sonic Reverse Rise = Sonic Reverse 34-23 > Sonic Reverse 23-12

Sonic Fall = Sonic Reverse 12-23 > Sonic Reverse 23-34

Sonic Normal Fall = Sonic Normal 12-23 > Sonic Normal 23-34

I think it's best to use the trick breakdown that to try and name the combo anyway. That way no-one can be confused.

6. Freeman

Date: Fri, Jun 27 2008 13:41:03

So do you also suggest not to use "Pseudo Sonic"?

7. Shadowerpant

Date: Sat, Jun 28 2008 02:40:12

we need psuedo sonic i think, unless you wanna use sketching notation... because a 'sonic 23-23' could be two tricks. a psuedo sonic 23-23 or a psuedo sonic reverse 23-23

8. LMnet

Date: Sat, Jun 28 2008 19:05:42

I think term "Pseudo" make only confusion in naming system

QUOTE

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Sonic's ending and starting position can't be the same, so there is no sonic 23-23

9. Shadowerpant

Date: Sat, Jun 28 2008 21:52:28

well.. it can be.. an it would be a psuedo sonic. But i'm saying that you can't do that because you need psuedo sonic to cover both directions. If we don't use psuedo sonic, what do you suggest using?

10.[Freeman](#)

Date: Sat, Jun 28 2008 22:56:36

QUOTE (sketching @ Jun 27 2008, 07:08 AM)

If anything, it would be Sonic 0.5 23-12 ~ Sonic 0.5 12-23.

I thinks they suggest this.

11.[Stay'n Alive](#)

Date: Sat, Jun 28 2008 23:28:11

Oooof, newbies will always ask how the hell we can do a sonic normal 12-23...

Anyway I should not elaborate on the bureaucracy of penspinning here...

12.[Shadowserpent](#)

Date: Sat, Jun 28 2008 23:39:02

QUOTE (Freeman @ Jun 28 2008, 03:56 PM)

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QUOTE (Shadowserpent @ Jun 27 2008, 07:40 PM)

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13.[Mats](#)

Date: Sun, Jun 29 2008 00:54:13

QUOTE (Stay'n Alive @ Jun 29 2008, 12:28 AM)

Oooof, newbies will always ask how the hell we can do a sonic normal 12-23...

And if we kept the name "Moonwalk Sonic" , they would not ask how this was done? Since the name is 'moonwalk sonic' they would just, be able to do it naturally? I don't think so. Weak argument.

I'm pretty sure we were discussing pseudo sonics somewhere or other in NC at some point, what went down with that?

14.[000zero0000](#)

Date: Fri, Jul 4 2008 20:20:37

would moonwalk sonic be considered a combo?

15.Mats

Date: Fri, Jul 4 2008 20:23:02

QUOTE (000zero0000 @ Jul 4 2008, 09:20 PM)  
would moonwalk sonic be considered a combo?

... No.

16.Shadowerpant

Date: Fri, Jul 4 2008 23:20:35

why would it be?

if you hold the pen in its regular position, as in parallel to the fingers, and then swing it so it's pointing up  
in other words, do a charge 0.5  
then you're in the sonic 12-23's started **and ending** positions

17.sp3ctum

Date: Fri, Jul 11 2008 05:56:59

I disagree with the usefulness of this.

My argument is that it's inconvenient to distinguish 'normal' sonics, and the ex. moonwalk sonics in irl speech.

What do others think of this?

18.Tialys

Date: Fri, Jul 11 2008 18:07:41

I'm not sure what you mean. There will always be a crossover period whenever there is a change of terminology. The former name eventually becomes obsolete.

19.Mats

Date: Fri, Jul 11 2008 18:11:35

I think he means when chatting to someone, he would rather say:

"Hey I was doing Moonwalk Sonics yesterday."

Instead of saying:

"Hey I was doing Sonic 12-23 yesterday."

I don't think it really makes a difference... \*shrug\*

20.sketching

Date: Mon, Jul 14 2008 17:21:19

When introducing "Moonwalk Sonic Normal 12-23" to someone, you have to explain that you are doing a Sonic Normal spin but traveling down the hand, like a Sonic Reverse. You'll end up saying the same thing when explaining "Sonic Normal 12-23".

It shouldn't be any harder to explain to someone who knows Moonwalk Sonic already than it was explaining to someone that Shadow can now go up the hand instead of only going down or staying in the same slot. Maybe a few slip-ups in naming for a while, but it will soon be just as easy to say Sonic Nor 12-23 as it is to say Shadow Nor 23-12.

21.[Freeman](#)

Date: Mon, Jul 14 2008 18:19:16

So is now Sonic 12-23 a fundamental?

22.[AyySoLo](#)

Date: Mon, Jul 14 2008 19:07:25

i think this is good, it makes sense

23.[Mats](#)

Date: Mon, Jul 14 2008 23:39:20

QUOTE (Freeman @ Jul 14 2008, 07:19 PM)

So is now Sonic 12-23 a fundamental?

I think that Sonic 23-12 is really considered the fundamental sonic. Sonics in all the other slots (34-23, 34-12, 12-23 etc) are all more difficult.

24.[000zero0000](#)

Date: Wed, Jul 16 2008 02:54:45

oh wait, moonwalk is normal then reverse?

25.[Mats](#)

Date: Thu, Jul 17 2008 10:47:16

QUOTE (000zero0000 @ Jul 16 2008, 03:54 AM)

oh wait, moonwalk is normal then reverse?

are you on about?

26.[sketching](#)

Date: Thu, Jul 17 2008 15:43:56

QUOTE (000zero0000 @ Jul 15 2008, 07:54 PM)

oh wait, moonwalk is normal then reverse?

Moonwalk Sonic was never a combo, it's a single trick.

27.[pholord](#)

Date: Thu, Jul 24 2008 17:44:54

Since warped sonic was basically a moonwalk twisted sonic does this mean we now use twisted sonic 12-23?

28.sangara

Date: Thu, Jul 24 2008 18:00:49

QUOTE (pholord @ Jul 24 2008, 10:44 AM)

Since warped sonic was basically a moonwalk twisted sonic does this mean we now use twisted sonic 12-23?

I wouldn't think so since its Charge 12 -> Pass 12-23 I would think it would have to be Charge 12 -> Pass *Reverse* 12-23

29.pholord

Date: Thu, Jul 24 2008 18:14:25

so is twisted sonic 12-23 equal to inverse warped sonic12-23

im just trying to clarify what names should be used for the different twisted sonic variations

30.sangara

Date: Thu, Jul 24 2008 18:24:56

Was "Moonwalk" ever applied to Twisted Sonic?

31.Tialys

Date: Thu, Jul 24 2008 18:31:35

QUOTE (000zero0000 @ Jul 15 2008, 10:54 PM)

oh wait, moonwalk is normal then reverse?

No, they were talking about *pseudo* sonic being sonic 0.5 23-12 ~ sonic 0.5 12-23; both of which are *normal* tricks. Just because the pen moves down a slot (i.e. 12-23) doesn't mean the trick is automatically reverse. *Reverse* refers to the direction in which the pen spins. You have to indicate whether a sonic is reverse by using the *reverse* modifier. For *normal* tricks, normal is assumed if you leave "normal" out of the name.

sonic 12-23 = sonic normal 12-23 = moonwalk sonic 12-23 = moonwalk sonic normal 12-23  
sonic (normal) 23-12 -> sonic reverse 12-23 = sonic harmonic

32.pholord

Date: Thu, Jul 24 2008 18:55:47

QUOTE (sangara @ Jul 24 2008, 11:24 AM)

Was "Moonwalk" ever applied to Twisted Sonic?

Ive seen it before in some breakdowns where warped sonics were named as moonwalk twisted sonics

33.chrisphd

Date: Mon, Nov 24 2008 08:16:09

QUOTE (sangara @ Jul 25 2008, 04:24 AM)

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i assumed that moonwalk just comes out whenever you would normally be going in the opposite direction of the current charge motion.

hence...mw tw sonic.

#### 34.kazeikan

Date: Mon, Nov 24 2008 10:37:11

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#### 35.Outsmash

Date: Mon, Nov 24 2008 12:28:45

QUOTE (kazeikan @ Nov 24 2008, 04:07 PM)

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NOO!!! Moonwalk = reverse but look like forward motion

So a moonwalk TW Sonic 23-34 would be: Charge23 (nor TW Sonic) --> Pass 23-23 (rev TW Sonic)

SO: Moonwalk TW Sonic = Warped Sonic...

It's confusing.. I know..

#### 36.Mats

Date: Mon, Nov 24 2008 14:37:02

QUOTE

It's confusing.. I know..

And this is why "moonwalk" was deprecated...

#### 37.Outsmash

Date: Mon, Nov 24 2008 14:46:59

QUOTE (Mats @ Nov 24 2008, 08:07 PM)  
And this is why "moonwalk" was depreciated...

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### 38.Mats

Date: Mon, Nov 24 2008 14:54:30

QUOTE (Outsmash @ Nov 24 2008, 02:46 PM)  
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You can't really apply the "moonwalk" concept to a ThumbAround...

The "moonwalk" sonic travelled down the hand while spinning the normal way. This gave the 'moonwalk' look. The ThumbAround does not travel up or down the hand, but rather, around a digit and so we cannot apply this same concept.

Was "counter" depreciated yet?

### 39.Outsmash

Date: Mon, Nov 24 2008 15:43:56

QUOTE (Mats @ Nov 24 2008, 09:24 PM)  
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no.. And I dont think it should..

### 40.kazeikan

Date: Mon, Nov 24 2008 21:47:46

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tw sonic rev â‰o warped sonic

### 41.Mr.Squekers

Date: Tue, Nov 25 2008 01:05:17

Ok it passes through the fingers like a regular sonic, but the motion of the pen is going the motion of a reverse sonic.

42.pholord

Date: Tue, Nov 25 2008 02:06:15

QUOTE (kazeikan @ Nov 24 2008, 01:47 PM)

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what the hell are you talking about? Of course tw sonic rev is not the same as warped sonic. However in some breakdowns you may see moonwalk twisted sonic which really should be warped sonic. Though moonwalk should not be applied to tw sonics and is now obsolete, if you think about it, the description is correct.

43.Eric

Date: Tue, Nov 25 2008 03:12:54

Moonwalk Sonic was the perfect name for this mini-combo though.

44.Shadowserpent

Date: Tue, Nov 25 2008 03:53:01

the whole point of this is that there is no more moonwalk  
so how about everyone stop talking about moonwalk stuff

45.Outsmash

Date: Tue, Nov 25 2008 10:52:45

QUOTE (kazeikan @ Nov 25 2008, 03:17 AM)

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umm Dude I wasn't even talkin about Twisted Sonic Nor or Rev. It is:  
"Moonwalk" Twisted Sonic = Warped Sonic.